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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 1877.

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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON: F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, George Street, 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES, HENDY & CO., 4, Old Jewry, E. C. SAMUEL DRAGON & CO., 180 & 184, Leadenhall Street.

NEW YORK:—ANDREW WIND, 138, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND:—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally:—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

CHINA:—SWATOW, QUELCH & CAMPBELL, AMOY, WILSON, NICHOLLS & CO., FOOCHOW, HEDGE & CO., SHANGHAI, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALSH, MANILA, C. HEINRICH & CO., MACAO, L. A. DA GRACA.

AUCTIONS.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. will sell by Public Auction, in their Sale Room, Praya Central, on

FRIDAY,

the 9th March, 1877, at Noon,— An Invoice of Ladies and Gentlemen's Silk Umbrellas, Fashionable Perfumery in Cases, Toilet Soap, Cologne Water, Violet Powder, Table Cutlery, Cork-screws, Towels, Crystal Flower Stands, Japanese Toys.

12 cases Soda Crystals.

50 cases Gin, Cock mark.

Sundry Stationery.

Hunley and Palmer's Biscuits.

Hair and Wire Tube Brushes.

And,

An Invoice of R. Brown & Co.'s Paints, comprising: Red Paint, Black Paint, White Lead, and White Zinc.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.17. The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, March 6, 1877.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LAND AND PROPERTY.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 10th March, 1877, at Noon, on the Premises (unless previously disposed of by Private Sale),—

A Portion of that Piece or Parcel of GROUND, registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 174, abutting on the North side thereof on a Close registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 170, and measuring thereon forty-five feet, on the South side on the remaining portion of Inland Lot No. 174 and measuring thereon forty-five feet on the East side thereof on Peel Street, and measuring thereon twenty-nine feet, and on the West side thereof on Staveley Street and measuring thereon twenty-nine feet, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in the whole 1317 square feet and is known as No. 3 Peel Street, together with the three-storied TENEMENT or DWELLING HOUSE erected thereon.

Annual Crown Rent, \$15 56.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-half of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance on completion of the Deed of Transfer, the expenses of which to be paid by the purchaser.

The Property to be at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

For further Particulars, apply to

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.,

Auctioneers,

Hongkong, February 26, 1877.

POSTPONEMENT OF SALE.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Rev. R. H. Kipp to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 12th day of March, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m. (instead of the time previously advertised), at his Residence, Albany Road,

The whole of his Household FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—Drawing Dining and Bedroom Suites, Sofas, Chairs, Easy Chairs, Mirrors, Tables, Pictures, Sideboard, Whatnots, Glass and Plated Ware, Crockery Ware, Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Toilet Tables and Glass, Washstands, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Saturday, the 10th March.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.17. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Auctioneer,

Hongkong, February 26, 1877.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

M. R. FERNAND NISSEN has been compelled to retire from our Firm in consequence of failing health, and his interest and responsibility ceased on the 31st December last.

Mr. NICOLAUS AUGUST SIEBEL has been authorized to sign for us by Procurator. We have this day reopened a branch of our firm at Canton.

SIEMSEN & CO., Hongkong, January 1, 1877.

NOTICE.

WE have been appointed AGENTS for the AMERICAN SHIPMATEES' ASSOCIATION.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO., Hongkong, February 2, 1877.

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VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

ON and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Under-signed.

WM. CRUIKSHANK,

Manager,

Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

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NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between the Undersigned under the name of MESTERN & HULSE has this day been dissolved by lapse of time, and the signature of the Firm will henceforth be used for the Liquidation only.

O. J. MESTERN,

W. HULSE,

Canton, December 31, 1876.

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NOTICES.

NOTICE.

PARTIES having left some Luggage are requested to take delivery of same as soon as convenient, but not later than the 31st March next. After This Date they will be sold by AUCTION; the Amount realised will be placed to the credit of their account with the Hotel.

V. FAVRE,

Proprietor, Hotel de l'Univers,

Hongkong, March 5, 1877.

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NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have this day CLOSED their PHOTOGRAPHIC ROOMS and ceased to carry on Business. Creditors are requested to send in their Claims for payment not later than the 15th Instant. Those indebted to us will oblige by an early settlement.

HONGKONG PHOTOGRAPHIC CO.,

Hongkong, March 2, 1877.

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NOTICE.

ERNEST WASSELL & CO., PHOTOGRAPHERS.

I HAVE This Day Established myself as PHOTOGRAPHER at the Corner of Wyndham and Wellington Streets, at the Building lately occupied by the HONGKONG PHOTOGRAPHIC CO., under the above Style.

ERNEST WASSELL,

Hongkong, March 3, 1877.

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HONGKONG.

Chs. J. GAUPP & CO., WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS,

38, Queen's Road,

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,

CHRONOMETRES,

&c., &c., &c.,

Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately rated under guarantee.

All Repairs in the above line done at reasonable rates and with despatch.

Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

W. BALL,

CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PARFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,

Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf,

Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

AFONG,

PHOTOGRAPHER,

by appointment to

H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY,

Governor of Hongkong;

and to

H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS

OF RUSSIA,

Wyndham Street, formerly ATHLETIC CLUB,

has on hand the Largest and Best

collection of Views of China, Photo-

graphs, Albumes, Frames, Cases, &c., of

assorted sizes, Photographs enlarged from

O. D. V. size to life size and coloured in oil.

A new apparatus for Photography has

been received from England; he is prepared

to take Photos of Buildings and Interiors

at the shortest distance.

For the Consul,

G. BOULOUZE, Vice-Consul.

Hongkong, July 17, 1876.

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INTIMATIONS.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.

ARE NOW LANDING AN INVOICE OF

ROUYER, GUILLET & CO.'S

CELEBRATED BRANDY.

This BRANDY is well known in England, the Colonies, and India.

The Firm possess Six Vineyards and Six Distilleries,

and are amongst the largest shippers

from Charente.

Qualities One *, Two **, Three ***, and Four ****,

in Cases of One Dozen Quarts.

Also,

POMMERY & GRENO'S

"Extra Sec." CHAMPAGNE,

in Quarts and Pints,

As supplied to the principal London Clubs.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877.

INTIMATIONS.

NOTICE.

NEITHER Captain FORBES nor the AGENTS or OWNERS of the American Barque "GARIBALDI," will be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS contracted by the Crew.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, February 28, 1877.

BANK.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000 DOLLARS.

RESERVE FUND, \$500,000 DOLLARS.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—H. HOPPITS, Esq.

Deputy Chairman—F. D. SAMSON, Esq.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.
CUTLER, PALMER & Co.'s
Celebrated
Brands of WINES and SPIRITS.
Apply to SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, June 22, 1877.

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE
CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I,
A to K, with Introduction. Royal 8vo.
pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D.
Tubingen.

Price: TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF.
To be had from MESSRS LANE, CRAWFORD
& Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and MESSRS
KELLY & WATSON, Shanghai.
Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

FOR SALE.

CHAMPAGNE, 1874.
BRIDGSTEAD & Co., MONOPOLY.
DEETEN & Co.
Hongkong, February 19, 1877.

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NOW READY.

WING-SHUI; or, THE RUDIMENTS OF
NATURAL SCIENCE IN CHINA. By Dr.
E. J. EITEL. One Volume. 8vo. Price,
\$1.50.

BUDDHISM, ITS HISTORY, THEORY AND
POPULAR RELIGION, in three Lectures.
By Dr. E. J. EITEL. Second Edition. One
Volume. 8vo. Price, \$1.50.

Orders will be received by MESSRS LANE,
CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, July 31, 1877.

Intimations.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION,
PENANG.

THE Municipal Commissioners of Penang
are desirous of receiving DESIGNS
for a TOWN-HALL. This Building is to
be erected on the ground on the east side
of the Esplanade situated between the latter
and Duke Street, and its cost is not to exceed
\$30,000.

The Commissioners offer a PREMIUM of
\$400 for the best and most suitable Design
with Specifications; and competitors have
the option of forwarding Tenders for carrying
out the work.

The Designs, accompanied with all docu-
ments, are to be sent to the Municipal Office,
Penang on or before the 1st of March next.

For further information apply to the
Secretary to the Municipal Commissioners
at Penang.

D. C. PRESGRAVE,
Municipal Secretary,
Penang,
Municipal Office,
The 1st September, 1877.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for any
Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew
of the following Vessels, during their stay
in Hongkong Harbour:—

STAR OF CHINA, British ship, Captain E.
B. Blaker.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.

NEHEMIAH GIBSON, American barque,
Captain D. Bradford.—Arnold, Karberg
& Co.

BONITO, German barque, Captain J. F.
Wesenberg.—Siemens & Co.

ALDEN BESSE, American barque, Captain
B. Noyes.—Rosario & Co.

TEBURNIA, British ship, Captain Robt.
Golder.—Meyer & Co.

FORMOSA, German 8-m. schooner, Capt.
G. Schweer.—Molchers & Co.

WANDERING MINSTREL, British barque,
Captain Wm. Sivwright.—Siemens & Co.

MYSTIC BELL, American ship, Captain
David Plumer.—Siemens & Co.

ORANGE GROVE, British barque, Captain
A. Longmuir.—Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.

ROGINA, American 3-m. schooner, Capt.
C. W. Hansen.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

TULLOCHGORUM, British schooner, Capt.
S. Mason.—Chinese.

To-day's Advertisements.

BRITISH SHIP SIR HARRY
PARKES, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-
named Vessel are hereby requested to
send in their Bills of Lading to the Under-
signed for countersignature, and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the
Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-
signees' risk and expense.

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 7, 1877.

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FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Penguin having arrived, Con-
signeds of Cargo are hereby requested to
send their Bills of Lading to the Under-
signed for countersignature, and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the
Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-
signees' risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co.
Hongkong, March 7, 1877.

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FOR SALE.

JUST LANDED EX. & S. "Hesperia."

PIPER & Co.'s Celebrated CHAM-
PAGNE! CARTE BLANCHE
CARTE BLANCHE SEC AND CARTE
DORÉE in Qua. and Pints.
Also—

The well known OTARS DÉCOT & Co.'s
BRANDY in Cases of 12 qt. Bottles and a
Small Lot of MEDOC CLARET in qt.
Bottles.

Apply to L. L. STURH.

Hongkong, March 7, 1877.

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FOR SALE.

FRENCH STATIONERY.
A GREAT VARIETY OF
LADIES' NOTE PAPER AND
ENVELOPES.

Apply to ED. CHASTEL,

Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, March 7, 1877.

SHIPPING.

General Memoranda.

ARRIVALS.
March 7, Esmeralda, British steamer, 395,
T. Thobaud, Manila March 4, General.—
A. McG. HEATON.
March 7, Edinburgh, British steamer,
1780, H. Worley, from a cruise.—E. E.
& A. TELEGRAPH CO.
March 7, Peng-chow-kai, from a cruise.
March 7, Penguin, British steamer, 1122,
Cowell, Calcutta Feb. 18, Penang 24, and
Singapore 26, General.—JARDINE, MAT-
THESON & Co.
March 7, Sir Harry Parkes, British ship,
616, Chapman, London Oct. 14, General.—
MELCHERS & Co.
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WIELER & Co.
March 7, Namoa, British steamer, 862,
G. Westoby, Saigon March 1, Rice—
DOUGLAS LAPRAE & Co.
March 7, Araratian Apar, British str.,
1892, A. B. MacTavish, Calcutta Feb. 18,
Penang 25, and Singapore 28, General.—
DAVID SASOON, Sons & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Mar. 7, Yesso, for Coast Ports.
7, Rajanattiankhar, for Bangkok.
7, Sunbeam, for Macao.

CLEARED

Glamorganshire, for Bangkok,
China, for Canton.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
Per Esmeralda, from Manila, Mr and
Mrs Ucada, Mrs C. Romano, Miss M.
Romano, Lieut. F. G. Romano, Mrs J.
Velasco, Messrs G. Katchko, Bobr, Mar-
shall, F. Reyes, A. Reyes, M. Ping, and
100 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Yesso, for Amoy, Messrs Oakley,
Martin, and Mulver. For Foochow, Rev.
Mr Wolfe, Messrs Nissen, Barnett, Cox,
and Tenant.
Per Rajanattiankhar, for Bangkok, 80
Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Esmeralda reports:
Had fine weather and strong monsoon
throughout.

The British steamer Penguin reports:
Strong monsoon to Pulo Sapata, thence
the weather to arrival.

The British steamer Namoa reports: Left
Saigon Thursday March 1st 6 p.m., anchored
in river all night; Capo St. James Friday
March 2nd 8 a.m. Had a strong monsoon
with heavy head seas throughout the
passage.

The British steamer Araratian Apar re-
ports: In China Sea moderate monsoon
and fine weather throughout.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For AMOY.—
Per Esmeralda, at 1.30 p.m., on
Thursday, the 8th inst.

For SHANGHAI.—
Per Hesperia, at 2.30 p.m., on
Thursday, the 8th inst.

For CEBU.—
Per Barque NEHEMIAH GIBSON, at
5 p.m. To-morrow, the 8th inst.

For SWATOW.—
Per Norna, at 7.30 p.m., on Friday,
the 9th inst.

For COOKTOWN.—
Per Thales, at 1.30 p.m., on Friday,
the 9th inst. The usual Mails will
be also made up for E. Australia,
Tasmania and New Zealand, 8 cent
rates.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet Tigre,
will be despatched on THURSDAY,
the 8th March, with
Mails to and through the United
Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles;
to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle,
Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta,
Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing
the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 7th March.—

5 p.m. Money Order Office closes. Post
Office closes except the NIGHT Box,
which remains open all night.

Thursday, 8th March.—

7 a.m. Post Office opens for sale of
Stamps, Registry of Letters, and
Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m. Registry of Letters ceases.

11 a.m. Post Office closes except for Late
Letters.

11.10 a.m. Letters (but Letters only)
addressed to the United Kingdom
to Saigon, or Singapore may be posted
on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents
extra postage, until

11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes
entirely.

Hongkong, February 24, 1877.

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MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—

The English Contract Packet Travancore
Coast will be despatched with the
Mails for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY,
the 18th instant.

The following will be the hours of closing
the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 14th.—

5 p.m. Money Order Office closes.

6 p.m. Post Office closes except the NIGHT
Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 15th.—

7 a.m. Post Office opens for sale of
Stamps, Registry of Letters, and
Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m. Registry of Letters ceases.

10.10 a.m. Letters may be posted with
a Late Fee of 18 cents extra
Postage till

11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes
entirely.

11.30 a.m. Letters (but Letters only)
addressed to the United Kingdom
to Saigon, or Singapore may be posted
on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra
Postage till

11.50 a.m., when the Post Office is finally
closed.

Hongkong, March 2, 1877.

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General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, March 9.—
Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs
Lane, Crawford & Co.
2 p.m.—Thale leaves for Cooktown.

SATURDAY, March 10.—
Noon.—Sale of Ground and Property in
Peel Street.

SUNDAY, March 11.—
Daylight.—Levor leaves for Coast Ports.

MONDAY, March 12.—
2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, at
Rev. R. H. Kidd's Residence, Albany
Road.

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arm, fracturing it. The bandaged arm was examined by Dr. Wharry, and he pronounced that the bone was fractured. The defendant, on the other hand, asserted that the complainant attacked him with a mallet first, and that he only used the iron bar to defend himself. The case was ultimately adjourned till to-morrow at noon. Mr. Holmes appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. D. E. Caldwell for the defence.

Manila.

(From the *Manila Papers*.)

The first two days of the Manila Races—so far as they appear in our file received by the *Esmeralda* this morning—went off successfully on the 1st and 2nd instant. The spectators, both ladies and gentlemen, were numerous, and prominently among them were the newly-arrived Governor-General Moriones and several other high functionaries.

The late Governor-General Malcampo has signified his intention to leave Manila for his mother country by the steamer *Cadiz*, which will leave on the 10th March. The Field Marshal Sanchez and the Director-General of the Exchequer, Sr. Chinchilla, leave for the same destination and in the same steamer.

His Excellency General Domingo Morones, Marquis of Oropoeta and Governor-General elect of the Philippines, arrived at Manila on the 28th February in the steamer *Cadiz*. The landing took place with the usual ceremony due to his rank. The boat which conveyed H. E. on shore, having left the steamer, the American frigate *Enterprise* hoisted the Spanish colors at the fore-topmast, and fired a salute of 16 guns, which was responded to by the shore battery. The *Cadiz* also brought the new Director of the Exchequer, Sr. Mariano Carreras Gonsalez.

During the second fortnight of February, there were no other importation of coins than that of \$4,000 in silver.

The Director General of the Exchequer has ordered a refund to Messrs. Holliday, Wise & Co., merchants at Manila, signatories of the British barque *Flying Spur*, of the fine of \$200 imposed by the Custom House of Manila upon the Captain of the said vessel. The sum has since been refunded.

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF TELEGRAPH COMPANIES.

A somewhat important case in reference to telegrams was decided on the 12th January last by Lord Coleridge, Mr. Justice Grove, and Mr. Justice Denman in the Common Pleas Division of the Supreme Court, and it is reported as follows in the *Daily Press* of the 18th January:—

DICKSON V. REUTER'S TELEGRAPHIC COMPANY.

The plaintiffs in this case were merchants at Valparaiso and in Liverpool, and the defendants had an agent at Monte Video, but not at Valparaiso. They sent packed telegrams to their agent, who distributed them. In November, 1874, the plaintiffs received an order for barley by mistake, such order really not having been sent to them, and a consequence of this was that by a fall in the price of barley they suffered considerable loss. They now sued to recover this loss from the defendants; but their statement of claim was demurred to, and the question was raised whether there was any cause of action against the defendants.

Mr. Justice Denman, in delivering judgment, said that the Court had taken time to consider the case, but they were now of opinion that it was governed by the decision in "Playfair v. The United Kingdom Telegraph Company," that the duty of the defendants was towards the sender of the telegram, and that the plaintiffs, being strangers to the contract with the company, could not sue them. The company did not profess to carry on the business of agents to make contracts any more than the Post Office did, and they did not guarantee everybody against the delivery of messages to the wrong person, even though those messages had to go to the remotest parts of the earth. To impose such responsibility would be to hold that there was a greater liability than the law could imply from the nature of the company or the business carried on by them.

Judgment for the defendants.

THE TORRES STRAITS SERVICE.

(Cookown Herald.)

The brief telegram from London published in our issue of 20th January, announcing the abandonment of the E. & A. Company to abandon the Torres Strait service, unless the present subsidy of \$20,000 be increased to \$50,000, is well calculated to arouse apprehensions of a grave character in the minds of our community. We are well aware that the principal profit, as a commercial enterprise derived from the traffic of this end of the line, lies between Cooktown and Singapore, the balance of the distance to Brisbane and Sydney not paying expenses. We are also aware that the recent total wreck of the *Singapore* will not cause the insurance companies to be more accommodating in rates to vessels on this line than formerly. So we may expect to see this splendid line of steamships, which have now become partly incorporated with our interest and identified with the progress of Cooktown, snatched from us, if prompt and energetic measures are not taken to urge upon the Government the importance to the colony and to us especially, some consideration be given to the demands of the company. It appears that at an interview held by Mr. Hart, the head of the firm of Bright Brothers, agents of the company in Brisbane, with the Colonial Secretary, he received an intimation that the present Ministry will not consent to the terms proposed by the E. & A. Company, at the same time being informed that the A. S. N. Co. are willing to undertake the contract for the present subsidy. Now, we believe that the latter company with its southern lines have their hands already full in supplying our weekly service to Brisbane, and that the statement of the Colonial Secretary was but a little bunkum, used to obtain better terms. Meantime the action of the E. & A. Co. indicates firmness, and while time is lost in negotiating and bargaining, we shall find ourselves suddenly deprived of communication with Singapore. There has been no fault found with the efficiency of the service. The steamers are first-class, well officered, and well provided with passengers.

moderation. The only quibble is an advance upon the paltry subsidy, shown in the last balance sheet of the E. & A. Company to be ridiculously below the expenses of a 9-knot service. The hostility evinced to the company by the Colonial Secretary and Premier displays either a lamentable indifference to or a want of knowledge of our northern requirements. Their apathy in not inviting and securing co-operation by the Government of New South Wales in this important matter, is evidence of want of tact and statesmanship. The Chamber of Commerce in Brisbane was to hold a meeting on the subject last Thursday, and we anxiously await the result of their deliberations, but can look upon any act which may tend to deprive us of this service, without providing an equally efficient one, as one of injustice, if not hostility to Cooktown.

MR. NATHAN J. NEWWITTER AND THE KOBE COMMUNITY.

(From an Occasional Correspondent.)

(Japan Mail.)

Your readers may be amused, if not otherwise interested, in reading an account of the proceedings consequent on Mr. Nathan J. Newwitter's late important attempt to intrude upon the Mikado. Naturally indignant at his unauthorized assumption to address His Imperial Majesty in their name, the members of the Municipal Council called on him immediately to convene an Extraordinary Meeting of the body to receive what explanation he had to give—which was accordingly done, and the meeting assembled on the 14th instant. Mr. Nathan J. Newwitter explained that he had presented the address with the sanction and authority of the *Gon Rei* of the *Aen*, Morioka Masadzumi, and further said that he had in so doing, only anticipated, he imagined, the wishes of the Community.

This was not considered satisfactory, inasmuch as Mr. Annesley, H. B. M. Consul, told the meeting that he had been informed by the Governor that Mr. Nathan J. Newwitter's statement was not strictly within the bounds of correctness. Mr. Nathan J. retorted by saying that his word was just as good as that of Mr. Annesley or the Governor; and an elected number of the Board, seconded by a Consul, offered therupon a resolution that Mr. Nathan J. should resign the chair. This the Chairman refused to put to the meeting, on the ground that the extraordinary meeting was called only to receive his explanation, that it had received to his explanation, and that no action upon it could then be taken. The resolution had accordingly to be held over to take its regular place in the business of the next ordinary meeting of the Council, on the 17th instant, and an eligible opportunity was thus afforded to Mr. Nathan J. to retire, in the interval, gracefully into private life, and resign the chair before the resolution was put, of which I should imagine he now regrets he did not avail himself; for verily, the last state of this man is worse than the first. At the ordinary meeting of the 17th I was present, and so were a very large number of the residents at Kobe, including all the principal merchants and leading men in society; and I venture to state that never, in all our experience in the East, was such a painful exhibition made of himself by a man whose position gives him, under most circumstances, a right to respect, as was made on this occasion by Mr. Nathan J. Newwitter. After the usual reading of the minutes, the business of the Meeting was opened by the Chairman calling for the Finance Committee's Report for the past year. This having been postponed by a vote with only one dissentient, the Chairman proposed to read some correspondence, which was postponed in the same way; as also were other Committee's Reports, the Meeting evidently insisting on coming to the real question before the meeting, Mr. Rasch's Resolution that Mr. Nathan J. Newwitter be requested to resign the chair.

This point having been reached, the Resolution, as given in the *Hiroo News* of the 17th instant, was read by Mr. Rasch and seconded by Mr. Duplaquet, and Mr. Rasch called on Mr. Annesley to make a statement which he was given to understand had been entrusted to him to make on behalf of the Governor. Mr. Nathan J. Newwitter here interrupted the speaker by declaring that he would not put this Resolution as being out of order from its disrespect to himself as chairman. However, after a good deal of animated discussion, he put to the meeting the question whether the statement of the Governor should be read. This was answered unanimously in the affirmative, and Mr. Annesley then read a letter from the Governor, in reply to one from himself, in which he had asked whether it was true that Mr. Nathan J.'s address had been presented to the Mikado, with his sanction and authority. The Governor's letter was exceedingly clear on both points, that neither Mr. Nathan J. nor his address had been presented, and that, so far from the attempt having been made with his sanction and authority, it was done in direct opposition to his expressed wish, as he had taken a good deal of trouble to make Mr. Nathan J. understand that no such address was wanted, or could be received. He went on to explain that Mr. Nathan J., having failed to appear in the Hall of Audience when some of the other Consuls were presented to the Mikado by their Ministers, had subsequently turned up in the sudden and unexpected manner among the waiters at the back of his chair, while seated at table with the Mikado, and had pressed upon his acceptance the written address which he so pined to present to the Son of Heaven. He had declined the document again and again, until—to get rid of him—he, as he says in his letter, "good-naturedly passed it secretly to an official of the Court of Ceremonies," and what that official did with it, deponent knoweth not—probably it assisted in warming the Imperial Bath.

The letter having been read, Mr. Nathan J. objected to its being put on the minutes, on the ground that having been translated in the English Consulate, it was probably not carefully rendered, and that the Governor ought to have attended the Council himself, or have sent his own translation of his letter. He then proceeded to deny the Governor's statement, and the discussion again became animated, the large audience of outsiders being with some difficulty restrained from joining in it.

But Mr. Nathan J. had not yet sufficiently distinguished himself. Mr. Bauch having again asked that his Resolution should be put to the meeting—the President, interrupting him, said that he had a matter to bring to the notice of the Council in the account of the year 1876. He then gave particulars of a small bill for \$20,70, for certain charges for preparing the Municipal Hall for a ball given in the name of Mrs. Annesley, on the occasion of Sir Harry Parker's visit to Kobe in May of that

year:—so much for carpenters for planing the floor, coolies carrying chairs, 2 lbs. of tin cans and half-a-pound of tenpenny nails, etc. This item in the Municipal accounts he claimed should have been paid by Mr. Annesley, and Mr. Nathan J. averred that it had been presented to him for payment by the Municipal Superintendent, and refused: whereupon it had been paid out of the public purse. As the speaker was one of the Auditors who had passed, and signed, the whole accounts of 1876 as correct, it appeared odd,—to say the least, of it—that he should have referred to it on the occasion:—so odd, indeed, to many of those present, that I, for a minute, was in doubt whether Mr. Nathan J. would have left the room by means of the door. Of course the necessary explanation was given immediately by the other Auditor, who stated that the Bill was really a semi-Municipal affair, and that the bill in question had never been seen by Mr. Annesley, which the Municipal Superintendent and Mr. Annesley both confirmed. This incident closed the meeting abruptly, for the three elected Members of the Council immediately left their seats, stating that they would not sit at the Board so long as Mr. Newwitter remained in the chair, and Mr. Newwitter clinging to that piece of furniture, announced the meeting adjourned.

It is hardly necessary to say that, among all nationalities there is only one opinion upon Mr. Nathan J.'s conduct. A letter was immediately sent in to the Committee of the Club requesting it to take the needful steps, but those interested in that pleasant little society will be glad to hear that resignation, in this case, anticipated expulsion. What action the Board of Consuls will take is at present unknown; a meeting will take place on the 22nd instant to determine. What action the U. S. Consul-General or Minister will take, you will soon, we all hope, be able to infer.

I have to close this letter hurriedly: but no other subject seems to interest people here at present—and we have no news from the seat of war.

THE SUEZ CANAL.

(Mitchell's Maritime Register.)

Our readers have seen in our impression of last week that at a meeting of the Suez Canal Company, held in Paris, the Treaty recently concluded between M. de Lesseps on the part of the Company, and Colonel Stokes on the part of the British Government was ratified, there being only four dissentients, amongst a crowded body of shareholders. The object of the Convention, which was signed as far back as February, 1876, is to put an end to the question of the surtax by arranging for its extinction on more favourable terms than those suggested by the International Commission, and also to arrange for the execution of extraordinary works of construction. It will be remembered that by the arrangement of 1878, Shipping using the Canal were to pay 10 per cent. on the register tonnage, plus a surtax of 4/- per ton, which was to cease and determine when the income of the Canal should reach a certain point. This arrangement for tariff of transit was ratified by the Ottoman Porte, and the traffic of the Canal has been since conducted subject to its conditions. The great preponderance of traffic under the British flag—nearly 70 per cent. of the whole—joined to the large pecuniary stake which England holds in the Canal, made it possible for the Managing President of the Company to enter into engagements with the British Representative which we can quite understand would, under other circumstances, have roused the jealousy of the other Maritime States whose Shipping use the Canal, and who do not appear to have been consulted respecting the terms of this Convention. As it is, we have seen no reclamations against the Convention, and as its terms are calculated to benefit generally, no objections will probably be urged. In this Convention M. de Lesseps engages, on the part of the Company, to procure their final assent to all that has been done at Constantinople relative to the tariff of transit, and the British Government undertakes to negotiate for the replacement of the present arrangement for the gradual reduction of the surtax by another under which the first reduction of 50c. is to commence on the 1st of January, 1877; the second reduction of 50c. on the 1st of January, 1879; the third on the 1st of January, 1881; the fourth on the 1st of January, 1882; the fifth on the 1st of January, 1883; and the sixth on the 1st of January, 1884—the surtax after the last date to be extinct, when "the maximum of 10/- per ton of net official freight is alone to be levied." So that, instead of making the surtax decrease and become extinguishable with the profits of the working of the Canal, by the terms of this Convention it will gradually cease with efflux of time, and seven years hence it will disappear altogether. It should be observed, however, that as, in accordance with the Company's terms of concession, no modification of the Canal tariff can be applied until after notice three months in advance, the dates of the reduction of the tariff stipulated for in the Convention will be postponed accordingly; so that the reduction, which should otherwise have taken effect on and after the 1st of January, 1877, will not take effect until the 1st of next April. This, however, is a small matter. 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